

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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VERIFICATION OF LICENCES OF EXPAT PILOTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether under the current expat pilot licence recognition process, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) verifies the authenticity of expat pilot licences with the concerned embassies as reported in `The Economic Times` dated July 14, 2007;
- (b) if so, the facts and reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether DGCA is contemplating to scan all the pilot licences issued in Philippines;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

- (a) and (b): In terms of Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) Section 7, Series `G`, Part II dated 8.10.1999 and the FCL circular no. 1/2007 dated 28.03.2007 the operators/individuals submit the verification of the licenses and ratings from the appropriate authority of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) contracting State. Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) verifies the authenticity of documents of the aircrew from their issuing authority in case the operator or the individual cannot do so.
- (c) and (d): As Philippines is an ICAO contracting state, the procedure stipulated in the above CAR is followed to verify all the pilot licences issued by their regulatory authority.
- (e):- In order to replace the expatriate pilots with Indian Pilots, the operator has to furnish his plans of training Indian flight crew and due justification for employing the foreign personnel. The operator shall also indicate clearly his plan of phasing out the foreign flight crew. The Government has taken various steps to reduce the gap between demand and supply of skilled pilots so that the need to employ expatriate pilots does not arise.